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[Music] this portion of election night is sponsored by General Motors people building transportation to serve people by the bail system keeping your communication system the best in the world and by Citicorp Travelers Cheques travel the world with us now from CBS news election headquarters in New York here again is Walter Cronkite Ronald Reagan the former movie actor former Governor of California at 69 years old has taken a strong lead tonight toward becoming the 40th President of the United States and popular returns only 3% of the vote is in so far but it shows Reagan with a fifty one to forty four percent lead over Jimmy Carter the incumbent with John Anderson getting some 4% of that vote and just now CBS News has been able to estimate that the very important and middle western industrial state of Ohio has fallen to Reagan those 25 electoral votes will be added to his count now which is mounting sizably no states have been won yet according to our estimate by Jimmy Carter Reagan states show in blue he is one indiana virginia the important state of florida indicating Jimmy Carter's in trouble in his own native south and now the middle western state of Ohio that gives Reagan a total of 67 of the electoral votes he needs toward the 270 that he must have to be declared the next president of the United States Jimmy Carter has a compiled so far no electoral votes now let's get more on

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electoral votes now let's get more on the Ohio result from Van rather Dan Walter Jimmy Carter carried Ohio in 1976 by just about 11,000 votes out of four million votes cast Ronald Reagan went into the race this year believing that Ohio was his best chance to steal away a big electoral vote state that Jimmy Carter got the last time that's the way it has worked out Reagan's whole strategy in Ohio was went under the title ECBC ethnic Catholic blue-collar votes the returns indicate not only has Reagan won large in Ohio but he has in those traditionally Democratic stronghold areas some votes that Democrats traditionally get Akron Toledo Cleveland and all of those areas Reagan clearly cut in with the ECBC vote also in the southern part of Ohio below the so-called accent line the last time Jimmy Carter got a good number of votes that traditionally went to Republicans because of Carter's Southern roots and his fundamentalist religious roots this time he didn't get those below the accent land in Ohio and Jimmy Carter according to our CBS News estimate has been beaten very badly in Ohio too early to say the Jimmy Carter's hopes are dead but this is a very important nail in his coffin the states to watch now in my judgment or Illinois in Texas because it's very hard to make it any arithmetic where Jimmy Carter could now win the election unless he carries Illinois and Texas and indeed he might not be able to win the election even if he carries those two Walter also just in Connors and John Brad amass at Indiana the House Majority Whip according to our CBS News estimate has been defeated by the Republican John hilar in Indiana now raddimus was thought to be in some difficulty in Indiana because of what was expected to be in what turned out to be the overwhelming victory of Ronald Reagan but raddimus like birch by the veteran Democratic Senate in Indiana hope believed that he could hold on as it turns out he could not Walter there's a very interesting story from the United

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a very interesting story from the United Press here that it just crossed our desk and it is a report from Washington quoting sources at the White House as saying the Patrick Goodell the White House pollster informed the President Carter and the first family last night that he could not win the election today on the basis of of their polling results and that this report says this United Press report says we have no further confirmation for that President Carter cried on the plane on the way back the planes from Washington he cast his vote there this morning and we know that he was somewhat emotional and choked up as he greeted his hometown supporters there at the place where his campaign started that old rail rail railroad depot there in the center of the little town of plains apparently Bob Strauss the Democratic national chairman according to this United Press report again for which we have no confirmation told party workers the top of officials of the party also last night that it was all over that there was no hope for the president's election today this all according to United Press as I say I have no personal confirmation of it at this point I had that information just a few minutes ago on her own and I also heard it too it was said that Fidel once he checked Ohio keeping in mind at our CBS News estimate just recently told us that Ronald Reagan has carried the state of Ohio that Goodell told the president that after Goodell had run one last check in Ohio and had convinced himself that the president had no chance of carrying that state what time was that last night last night that was last night yes well that same report came up in the South Carolina Senate race incidentally there is a result I believe according to our CBS News estimate Bob Schieffer you want to give it to us and tell us about President Carter's troubles down there well this is one place where an incumbent senator did not have to worry about being swept away in Republican Tidewater we see senator

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Republican Tidewater we see senator earnest Hollings winning his race for re-election down there by 74 percent of the vote of course that is not unexpected he has had a just nobody in the state apparent had got mad at him during the six years he spent in the Senate and I gave him the prize for having the best quote of the entire campaign season when told at the New York Times had accused him being a Hulk Walter he said why where I come from that might be counted as a campaign contribution a corporate contribution said that's going to really help we might check on that that Florida race because that really is bad news for the for the president Walter 17 electoral votes but the way mr. Carter is losing Florida tonight he has never lost the statewide race in Florida and yet according to our figures he's going to lose Florida by a big total he is running only even in the northern part of the state that would be the rule part of the state the state part of the state where he he won big the last time out but we're seeing here as we're seeing in Western Kentucky and some of the other outlying areas of the south the traditional Democrats are staying with Jimmy Carter this time they're only breaking even we might take a look at Virginia Virginia of course was a gimme at this time but this was a state that Ronald Reagan won by are the Gerald Ford won by only 49% last time this time we show that the Republicans are doing to do much better than that even in this Republican stronghold and according to just the preliminary data we have water mr. Ford is losing our mr. Carter is losing in all of the areas where he he's doing worse in all of the areas than he did before here's the graph that we were looking for 1980 you can see Carter in Virginia he got 42% of 42 percent of the vote in 1976 he got 48% so that seems to be the story CBS news coverage of the presidential election and all the state races will continue up in a moment

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[Music] back in our CBS news election headquarters where we see about 4% of the national vote tabulated so far it's now gone over the 3 million figure with the Ronald Reagan's margin dropping just a little bit he's now got 41 percent of the vote they're 250 250 a 51% he's got two 44% for a Jimmy Carter it was a little higher than that but down to 3% margin but 4% with 3 million of the votes counted do we expect around 83 to 85 million votes tonight that's not a great deal but already we have been able to say in our CBS News estimate desk here on the basis of our selected precincts that Ronald Reagan has won four states two of them very indicative in very important states he's won Indiana Virginia Florida and Ohio Florida cutting into

the south for him Ohio cutting into the deep and important of Midwestern industrial states and the total now is 67 electoral votes for Ronald Reagan and none for Jimmy Carter Bruce Morton at our trend desk has been looking into what the Anderson difference is in this vote so far Bruce Walter what we've been doing is pulling through all the statistics here trying to see some of the elements in this early Reagan lead and John Anderson is clearly one factor overall the Anderson voters we polled said that if you were out of the race they'd split about evenly between Carter and Reagan but in some groups that split is uneven for instance Reagan is running just about the way Gerald Ford did four years ago amongst Jewish voters but Jimmy Carter is running much worse than he did four years ago Anderson does relatively well with Jewish voters and that's the difference again with voters who identify themselves as independents Reagan runs just about as well as Ford did but Carter runs a lot worse than he did last time Anderson does pretty well

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did last time Anderson does pretty well with independence and again he could make the difference now there's some groups where Reagan is doing better than four did he does better with blue-collar workers better with Catholics and better with white Protestants including white Protestants in the south and then there's some other areas where Carter campaign tax seemed to have failed Reagan leads among older voters so apparently they weren't afraid that he would batter the Social Security system somehow and on war and peace our exit poll didn't deal with that directly but we did find that most voters throughout the country about the United States ought to act more toughly with the Russians and not surprisingly they were for Reagan walnut hill plant standing by outside Ronald Reagan's home out in Pacific Palisades California bill I'm sorry bill Plante we're not getting your audio we'll try to come back to you a little later when we can get that small technical glitch fixed which I assume will be any second now CBS News election night coverage will continue in a moment it happens when Dracula comes to New York I can give you a new insurance Hamilton George Hamilton and Susan Saint James well count what do you say to a network television premiere the other one that count gets a taste of the Big Apple they love at first bite Wednesday at nine eight seven tomorrow on CBS

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we can assume that Ronald Reagan out at his home in Pacific Palisades California a part of little San jealous complex is very happy as these early returns come in the results that we've been able to call so far indicates that he is walking away with this election at least up to this time bill Plante that we tried to reach a moment ago let's try once more and see if we can hear him this time bill but Walter as I was telling you Ronald and Nancy Reagan are getting ready to leave their home here in Pacific Palisades to go to dinner which is an election night tradition for them but the people that they'll be sitting around the dinner table with our old friends like Justin dart the attorney William French Smith Holmes Tuttle these are the people who urged Ronald Reagan to enter politics after they watched him speak on behalf of Barry Goldwater and the 1964 presidential election so we can imagine that tonight will give them all considerable satisfaction one with the size of Reagan's apparent victory does not we're told come as a surprise to his pollster Richard Wirthlin in conversations yesterday with reporters Wirthlin insisted that he would get at least 320 electoral votes that seemed a little high to some of us who'd been watching it but in light of today's events it apparently or at least may not be that high at all the Bill of the the people he's having dinner with tonight are indeed those who are urged him to get into politics and some of us who covered that campaign back in 1964 remember Ronald Reagan being the warm-up speaker for Barry Goldwater rallies in

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speaker for Barry Goldwater rallies in California I've often wondered if with one particular rally at Knott's Berry Farm down south of Los Angeles wasn't the one where he first got the spark he stood there and it was one of the first warm-up rallies he did for Goldwater and it just seemed that as he came off the stage and introduced the to what he said with the next president of states turned out in one prediction he a little bit wrong on but they give that to the campaign oratory he came down into the crowd and into the group where

we and the press were standing and it just seemed to me that a man stepped off that platform having made up his mind this is pretty heady stuff I might get into that vo Walter we've heard Ronald reagen mentioned that rally at Knott's Berry Farm Pearlie though it was that speech that he gave on television which was so well received by the Goldwater Republicans and members of the party which really did the trick and convinced his friends to work on him and gave him the idea that he ought to run for office and of course he did write will be kept coming back to you frequently as evening bill carry on Thank You Willie we have been able to say here at CBS News so far this evening that that Ronald Reagan has taken four states definitely including a very important ones of Florida and Ohio as well as Virginia and Indiana giving him a 67 to nothing lead in the electoral college count which is of course is the way we elect our presidents each state's majority is taken and on the basis of all of those votes the each state casts its electoral votes assigned on the basis of how many congressmen and senators it has so far tonight that's 67 toward the 270 needed for Ronald Reagan a word about the basis on which we give our estimates of winners and and how we call states in one column of the other we make those estimates strictly on the basis of sample precincts of actual voters casting votes in those precincts that is after the votes are counted in those precincts so-called exit polling in which voters are interviewed when they leave the polling place which we

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they leave the polling place which we report on to of course there's a useful tool on Election Day to help analyze voter attitudes and so forth but exit polling is after all simply a poll of what voters said they did not a measure of what they actually did do so we don't base our estimates on such polling at all so when you hear the CBS news as has made an estimate of an election given a certain race in a certain state to a candidate one count of the other you know that that base is based on actual votes and taken from selected precincts which are carefully weighed on the basis of their previous performance in previous presidential elections not on the basis of election polls he wanted to get that little point straight with you we could at this point now at eight in the evening the eastern time more than half of the states have closed either all or part of their polling places and most of them some 24 of them have closed all of their polling places as well as the District of Columbia and we expect their returns X returns to be pouring in very shortly 5% of the vote is now counted national vote and the percentages have not changed Reagan still has 51 percent Carter 44% and John Anderson 4% harry reasoner how do the races look now in the east so we're going to be getting a flood of reports from these now all the polls are closed everything every state except New York Rhode Island and part of Maine but so far we said one other thing we said before the election is the one Shore state for Carter was West Virginia about 2% of the vote has been counted in West Virginia and looking at that border it's about 10,000 for Carter and 8,000 for Reagan but the CBS News estimate calls West Virginia still close so even westward net West Virginia might be in trouble along with apparently no trouble and the other thing that was regard to sure Carter country the District of Columbia the thing about the

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District of Columbia the thing about the East considering what we've been hearing from the south and to the Midwest is that it would have to be a very unusual area to do much for Jimmy Carter and the East only once since 1960 and I was in the governor year as the Democratic candidate gotten less than 108 electoral votes and typically we've gotten over 130 if you consider those early calls in the south and the Midwest Carter would have to have at least 125 or 130 in the East to make up for losses in there in the rest of the country and that just is not in the cards Walter what about your Senate races have you got any indications at all how those are going we have not really seen much in the so-called grudge match in New Hampshire between John gherkin and Warren Rudman they've got 3% of the vote in in Rudman the Republican is leading by about four percentage points but I don't think that's significant yet in New Hampshire in letsa gubernatorial race there were another rematch between you gallon and meld and Thompson Thompson is holding a narrowly but again it's less than 3% of the in Pennsylvania where there's a the so called match of the losers beat clarity in Arlen Specter both who have tried several times for statewide off in this office and have never won one of them has to win tonight and again with a very small amount of Wotan Specter as a head but that could be philadelphia of order could be anything at the East is uh I don't know why we're backwards tonight

but we are I suppose are catch up and when you do it did you said it'll be with the flood well it's been two years now since Phillip crane the the Republican representative of congressman from Illinois declared that he was going to run for the Republican presidential nomination he ran very hard and very long but the didn't get anywhere with that campaign but in those two years it's been a very long long process which we're calling a finish to tonight with five percent of the national vote counted now the percentages are staying

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counted now the percentages are staying just the same fifty-one percent for Reagan forty four percent for Carter four percent for Anderson not terribly different from what the last polls of the last few days before this election day indicated the returns might be across the country this is Walter Cronkite CBS News election ed close [Music] from CBS News election headquarters in New York here again is Walter Cronkite the nation went to a polling places today in this 49th presidential election of our history and with six percent of the vote counted now Ronald Reagan who is challenging as the Republican candidate is holding on to a 51 percent lead over the incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter who has 44 percent John Anderson the independent candidate has 4% of the vote so far the states that Ronald Reagan has won according to our CBS News estimate the very important ones of Florida and Ohio as well as Indiana and Virginia for a total of 67 electoral votes toward the 270 he needs but indications are across the rest of the states and more than half of the state's polls have now closed are that Reagan is running well ahead yet nearly all of them and that is beginning to look like a Reagan sweep tonight although of course a lot of votes 94% of them are yet to be counted there is an Associated Press story from the White House tonight

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Press story from the White House tonight that indicates that President Carter is ready to concede the election to Ronald Reagan it says that he was prepared to concede he called to Jody Powell his new secretary and apparently according to the AP story of mr. Powell talked him out of conceding yet he was so the Powell was overheard to say according to this AP story mr. president you'd better wait a few minutes more the telephone call just came from upstairs in the living quarters of the White House downstairs - Jodie Powell's office I presume on the ground floor of the White House the the election returns throughout have been favoring the Republicans we also have reported that one of the leading Democratic senators in Indiana targeted by conservative groups for defeat this year Birch Bayh and Indiana has lost his race to the Republican Dan Quayle well the voting groups where this vote has come from is piling up for Reagan where has it been in the east that you can tell so far we've been sorting through our full Walter and the figures tell the story of what's happening so far among Democrats 75% voted for Carter in 1976 65% this year among Jews 66 percent in 1976 52% this year among liberals for people who call themselves liberals 70 percent in 1976 59% this year among independents 49% down to 38 percent this year he's down in in union groups 59 percent in 1976 49 percent this year so he's down in every area where he got his big support in 1976 and you know it seems to me looking back on the campaign every time you heard Ronald Reagan's speak at one time or another in the talk he would say how many of you think you are better off now than you were four years ago and the court speaking to Republican groups hardly anybody thought they were well a poll indicates the three-to-one among Eastern lawyers they think they're

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among Eastern lawyers they think they're worse off than they were a year ago there's their voting resentment their voting antagonism this year obviously Dan the middle west I think the same thing applies pretty much the same thing Walter it's obviously as Bruce Morton has mentioned earlier and harry touched upon earlier that one of the big stories tonight when you asked why is ronald reagan doing so well for example in ohio which according to our CBS News estimate Ronald Reagan has won Reagan has done better among men he did not do better among women the polls are wrong and frankly as a reporter was wrong because I felt that Ronald Reagan you know the difference for Jimmy Carter might very well be that women would go to Carter but in the Midwest at least Carter is doing about as well among women as he did in 1976 while on a

man/woman basis it breaks down that where Carter is losing it in the Midwest is among men now in the other ways to break it down Carter's down 20% among blue-collar workers in the Midwest he's now seven one percent among Union voters yes let me interrupt you another major and big state has gone to Ronald Reagan according to our CBS News estimate that state is Pennsylvania now Pennsylvania and Ohio having gone for Reagan those are two of the major ones in the Middle West that Jimmy Carter had to depend upon winning at least one of to win it would seem that Carter is in serious serious trouble now with Pennsylvania and Ohio both countered in his column the margin at right now with two percent of the vote counted shows only 48 to 46 but our CBS News estimate is that when all the votes are counted Reagan will be the winner in Pennsylvania adding its big block of votes now it's one of the big 10 states on to the previous total the Reagan had on his electoral votes gives him a hundred and one electoral votes to a none for Jimmy Carter five states CBS News is able to say now or in the Reagan column definitely that's Indiana Virginia and three big ones in the top 10 states Florida Ohio and Pennsylvania

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10 states Florida Ohio and Pennsylvania those are the top 10 states in their electoral count of course the ones that count it forward to that 270 electoral votes so Reagan's a lead widens and we now have seven percent of the national vote in but the percentages do not change nationally it's still 51 percent for Reagan 44 percent for Carter and 4 percent for John Anderson strangely John Anderson holding at just 4% as we've climbed from 2% 1% of the vote he got 4 percent in the first 1% we had and through 7 percent it's still 4 percent that's not enough for him to get those federal matching funds he wanted so desperately and today when John Anderson left a polling place with his wife Kiki Anderson at that time they were asked what they would do if they didn't get the matching funds which might leave them as much as 7 million dollars in debt a lot of money for a a country lawyer from Illinois although he spent a long time in Congress he amassed no funds from that we are led to believe she said we're both going to go to work and now another state in reagan's column although this was scarcely a surprise Kansas deep and Republican territory there in the heartland of America as again gone Republican and given its votes to Ronald Reagan and another big one for Reagan another big one New Jersey has gone for Ronald Reagan that was considered to be a toss-up state but leaning toward ray it has thought that it probably would go Reagan but the carter forces were hoping for a last-minute miracle there they got nine new jersey goes for reagan - and now reagan's states would look like this on a map Ohio Florida Pennsylvania and New Jersey all for Reagan along with Indiana and Virginia for a total of 118 electoral votes none for a Jimmy Carter it looks like quite a sweep out of Edna

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it looks like quite a sweep out of Edna gentlemen it does indeed that's like a big before the election dan and I agree that it was Pennsylvania Ohio and Illinois well we won two out of those three it seems to me that that's exactly where we are now we're all aware that a lot of people around the country now are guessing that Ronald Reagan is the winner and so you say well why doesn't CBS News just throw up his hands and say you're on two legs away Illinois and Texas are two big reasons that we simply do not have nobody has enough information yet to determine how Illinois and Texas are going to go but certainly in the Midwest if he continues as it's going now it does not look good for Jimmy Carter in any of the three big states Michigan Illinois or Ohio keeping in mind that according to our CBS News estimate Ronald Reagan already has won Ohio in Pennsylvania I wonder how much this do to Mayor Bill green and Philadelphia and what happened his long and deep support for Ted Kennedy I wonder how hard he worked I got a return for one of your states over there while you were talking I was reading Connecticut Connecticut Connecticut which was thought to be something of a indicate an indicator this year has gone for Ronald Reagan Connecticut also for Reagan and Oklahoma State that Jimmy Carter lost in 1976 again goes for the Republican Reagan this year and that boosts the Reagan electoral total to 134 votes to none for Carter 270 needed but all of these indicator states are dropping into Reagan's lap according to our CBS News estimate the bar selected precincts scientifically selected precincts and it certainly looks like it's coming up to be a Reagan electoral landslide if not a popular one on the popular vote the was 7% in it's still 51% for Reagan 40 4% for kaká CBS news coverage the presidential election all the state races looking to a new enema

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believe me I can't tell them I here at our CBS news election headquarters our CBS News estimate is now that that Jimmy Carter has won his first state tonight and that is his home state of Georgia CBS News estimate can say that he will get the 12 electoral votes in Georgia which puts him into the electoral column for the first time tonight however CBS News estimate also is that Reagan will win in New Hampshire so that balance is out and at the moment that gives Reagan 138 electoral votes to 12 for a Jimmy Carter the incumbent and in a Senate race in Kansas Bob Dole who ran as a vice-presidential running mate to with Jerry Ford in 1976 was running now to go back to the United States Senate he has won his race in Kansas also in the District of Columbia as expected CBS News can estimate that Jimmy Carter has won the District of Columbia in Connecticut a Senate race has just been estimated by CBS News and that will go to the Democrat Christopher Dodd mr. Ford odd who is the son of a longtime Democratic the late Democratic senator from Connecticut Tom Dodd Christopher Dodd has defeated James Buckley who was one time the senator from New York he was trying to be the first man ever elected in modern times and not under the modern popular election system to the United States Senate from two states while James Buckley failed at that and the more moderate and liberal Dodd has won over the conservative Jim Buckley in Connecticut although Connecticut has gone for Ronald Reagan in the presidential race according our CBS News estimate a split vote in Connecticut in the first state we've seen a split vote tonight Jed Duvall is following the

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tonight Jed Duvall is following the night's results at the White House Jed Walter they saw this coming of course Bob Strauss the campaign chairman who you know called his staff into his office apparently late this afternoon around 4 o'clock and told them to act with class tonight use some decorum and go out with style apparently alerting people softening them up to the idea that there might be this kind of an evening they saw coming last week and as you know that the sampling that was taken on a regular basis showed up Wednesday and Thursday and Friday of last week that things were softening for mr. Carter it showed up on the campaign trail we saw a crowds that told us the same thing roughly that the Cadell poles were telling the White House people at about the same time they sense that coming back a little bit over the weekend but then they lost it again I asked one man in here one of the research officials here Walter why this and he said it was the hostages the the election turned out to be a referendum on the hostages I said wasn't at the debate he said no Reagan won the debate but he didn't win it that big Walter thank you CBS News election night coverage will continue in a moment [Music] back at our CBS news election headquarters where all the indicators are for a big sweep by Ronald Reagan toward B in the 40th President of the United States the numbers don't add up yet from all of the states of course all the polls haven't closed yet even across the country but those are the indicators in the national vote not quite 10 percent of the vote has been counted so far and Ronald Reagan has 51 percent of the vote to 43 for Jimmy Carter John Anderson who was at four percent through most of the count this evening has now climbed to that magic number of five he

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climbed to that magic number of five he needs to get matching federal funds and here is a very important vote count by CBS News we estimate that Texas will go to Ronald Reagan another one of the big ones to Ronald Reagan it's beginning to look like a Reagan sweep of this country on this election day he's now taken all of the major states which we have been able to estimate so far Ohio Texas Florida Pennsylvania New Jersey all of those in the top 10 estates as to electoral count and now Texas Falls his way it is very big for him the Carter there of states to show in red the Reagan states and blue on our map we have not put Texas in that map yet because we just called it but Texas now will go blue for a Ronald Reagan as you see Carter is one only two states the District of Columbia hardly a state but it would like to be one the District of Columbia has three electoral votes and Carter's home state of Georgia Reagan now has a hundred and sixty four electoral votes to 15 for Jimmy Carter it's impossible on the number of votes are cast and counted so far to say that Ronald Reagan has won the presidency but it is certainly possible also and and all the indications are that that is the way it is going tonight bill moyers I think it's not too early to talk about what a Reagan

presidency might be like well Walter I was reared too beware of the man who draws the morale before the tale is told but what the heck what can we expect from a Reagan administration other than Billy Carter scalp well I think you'll see a lot of businessmen being summoned to Washington to run things as Reagan in fact called businessmen to Sacramento when he was governor the Equal Rights Amendment will get any boost from the White House and surely Hufstedler won't get boosted to the Supreme Court indeed William Rehnquist will soon have

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indeed William Rehnquist will soon have if there are vacancies some company from other strict constructionist on the Supreme Court it'll be Donny and Marie Osmond after dinner entertainment at the White House instead of Charlie Daniels and Waylon Jennings Ralph Nader will have to give back his past to the Environmental Protection Agency and the energy companies will consolidate their monopoly over the energy department Reagan wants to cut personal income tax rates how much will depend on Congress but the government will probably take some of that money back you get with its protectionist policies to support the auto industry in the Midwest which is going for Reagan if Reagan gets his way as president all of those categorical grants that Congress has been giving for this program in that program would get replaced by block grants that go directly from Congress to state and local government the moral majority will arrive in town waving the Ten Commandments instead of the Bill of Rights watch some of them to show up on the FCC and in the Department of Education if the Department of Education isn't declared a contaminated area there'll be more benefits for veterans and bigger subsidies for the Maritime Union which has endorsed Reagan and the Pentagon will get all those arms it won't spray the biggest arms buildup since the missile age begin the b-1 bomber more ICBMs more missile silos more of what the experts call bullets to stop bullets there won't be any panning after the salt treaty and the russians won't get any RSVPs for a while there'll probably be a tilt back in southern africa toward the white regime in south africa and the military governance governments of south america will have a friend in washington for a change if the White House gets its way on the Ronald Reagan all of you out west can drive 70 miles an hour again without fear of a ticket the real question Walter is whether the Conservatives who gave their heart to Reagan a long time ago we'll have those hearts broken he's the first conservative to win the White

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first conservative to win the White House in a long time and the question that the devil's the Conservatives is will the fortunes of the party now become more important to Ronald Reagan than those conservative principles he's espoused so long most presidents moved to the middle we've seen in this campaign Ronald Reagan literally changed his spots in front of our eyes toting rot a Franklin Delano Roosevelt and stealing from John Kennedy's tax policies an interesting question now to bewitch the conservatives watching these returns Walter thank you Bill CBS News estimates now the South Dakota as expected is going to Ronald Reagan tonight adding it's four electoral votes to his total making it 172 and in the Senate race in Illinois Allen Dixon the Democratic candidate has defeated Paul O'Neill there according to our CBS News estimate in the Maryland Senate race the incumbent Charles Mathias jr. has been returned to the United States Senate over Edward Conroy his Democratic challenger according to the CBS News estimate they're well it looks like tonight Jimmy Crocker the 39th President of the United States will be evicted from the White House on the basis of Ronald Reagan's candidacy by the Republican this year if that will mean that for the first time in 92 years since 1888 a Democrat too seeking to run on us for a second term has been rejected by the voters this is Walter Cronkite at CBS News election headquarters [Music]

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this portion of election night is sponsored by a company called trw where tomorrow is taking shape by General Motors people building transportation to serve people and bi-conical producing oil natural gas coal uranium and petrochemicals and now from CBS News election headquarters in New York here again is Walter Cronkite Ronald Reagan appears to be heading toward a landslide electoral victory tonight across the

United States and all sections of the country and now another deep blow for Jimmy Carter in his native South the CBS News can estimate that Alabama will fall to Ronald Reagan as well as Florida which already has gone to him a major state there and the state of Texas and the state of Oklahoma as a matter of fact with some 13 states now that we have been able to estimate on the basis of actual voting and precincts across the country there was 13 States Jimmy Carter has won only one state and the District of Columbia Georgia has gone to him his native state and the District of Columbia but all the other states are shown in blue that Reagan has one now with Alabama as you saw just added to that number Carter's four states show in red it means that in electoral vote Ronald Reagan now has 177 electoral votes to Jimmy Carter's 15 electoral votes that is a long way toward the 270 now that Ronald Reagan needs to be declared the 40th president of the United States we're beginning to get returns in a more heavily now from the eastern states we can report also on a Senate race in Alabama we have now to that that seat has been taken by a Republican from Alabama for the first time a Republican senator since reconstruction will go to the Washington representing Alabama he is Jeremiah Denton a former war hero a

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is Jeremiah Denton a former war hero a longtime prisoner of the Vietcong in Vietnam seven and a half years he was behind bars there that Admiral has one of the in Alabama and we'll have more from that from Bob Schieffer in a few moments but right now let's take a look at some of the returns pouring in from the east now with the polls closing their New York has just closed harry reasoner what do we have well are no returns reported yet from new york new york would be the first chance for doing the carter to get a big state and we florida the election they thought in new york leaned slightly toward carter the way things have been going tonight that doesn't hold up probably the key states in the east so far have all gone for Ronald Reagan Pennsylvania which is where Reagan is running better among the Democrats than for among Republicans the Ford did in 1976 and where Carter and John Anderson together are not doing as well as Carter did in 1976 the president I let me interrupt just a momentary because another one of the liberal senators targeted by conservatives to be removed from the Senate has been removed tonight in South Dakota George McGovern who carried his party's banner and 1972 as the presidential candidate has been retired from the Senate by James Abner who has won in South Dakota that Republican will go to Washington I was just talking about Pennsylvania where's one indication that the kind of votes are getting tonight is anti Carter rather as well as as much as probe Reagan because the senatorial race there between the Democrats beat clarity and the Republican Arlen Specter is rated by the CBS News estimate is very close whereas the presidential race was not very close at all CBS News estimates that Governor Reagan took it by 51% to 42% for Jimmy Carter in New Jersey which had been thought to lean toward Reagan it was a victory bigger than they expected and that cut deeply into the traditional Republican strengths of

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traditional Republican strengths of democratic strengths among Labor and among blacks and my ethnic minorities in New Hampshire which had been figured to go for Ronald Reagan the victory was bigger than anybody thought it would be at 62 percent of some 59% for Ronald Reagan to 31 percent for Jimmy Carter and in Connecticut where I think the chief thing was proven was that Ronald Reagan does not scare traditional Eastern moderate Republicans he he won Connecticut very handily 48 percent to 39 percent for Carter according to the CBS News estimate one thing that is happening in the East Walter that may have some effect on John Anderson's pocketbook and we have to pay enable ticking not to have to go to work he's doing better in the East he didn't the rest of the country of may raise him on an average above the 5% that he needs to get that federal money we have 13% of the national vote in now and Reagan is holding right at 51% but Anderson has come up to five and that 1% has been taken away from Carter's drop from 44 to 43 with 13% of the vote counted now our CBS News estimate in the Murata Nebraska presidential race is that Ronald Reagan has won Nebraska as was expected no surprise there at all but it increases his electoral vote count now to 182 toward the - some of they needed a short while ago Jerry Bowen talked in Los Angeles with Stewart Spencer and a hi Reagan campaign advisor and we want to call in Jerry now Jerry how well he did the debate in in Cleveland but I think the the secondary thing is in early on probably the most important

thing is the fact that the Carter campaign was designed to make Ronald Reagan the record Ronald Reagan the issue and not the record and the situation involved was the Ronald Reagan being the Great Communicator that he is he was able to turn that around and make the Jimmy Carter record the issue in the campaign that has been said by you and other senior advisors that Jimmy Carter never realized never knew fully how to use the

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realized never knew fully how to use the incumbency to run for reelection do you stand by that based on yes I'll stand by that I think that they did a very good job in 1976 running as a non incoming but in this year as the incumbent they just couldn't get a handle on how you run as little Comden and having been there in 1976 I realized that that is a very difficult situation sometimes particularly when the presidency itself is under attack rather interesting to hear Stuart Spencer say that the Carter could not get a handle on how to run as an incumbent when the Republican camp had been charging all through the campaign that he was doing just that two affair youwell giving out largesse from the federal coffers of what they abandoned that only a presidential candidate running for re-election could but now Stuart Spencer apparently is changing that line from the Republican camp earlier tonight Diane Sawyer talked about tonight's results with Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania I'm starting to hear revived talk around here about the possibility of the magical nine control of the Senate what do you think I think it's a very real possibility don't Reagan is doing very well our candidates have been doing very well the the first sign of course was when Dan Quayle won quite handily in Indiana there'll be four or five states to watch tonight such as Wisconsin Vermont New York Washington State Idaho we start to do well in those states in the Senate races we could be very well headed for control of the Senate which will be the first time in 25 years that Republicans have controlled that body would be good conservative right now I'm a number you people were headed for a net gain of seven seats which will take us from 41 to 48 seats within two seats of season control of the Senate John Hines is the head of the Senate campaign committee for the Republicans this year in Arkansas and the Senate race there Democrat Dale bumpers as expected is a winner over

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bumpers as expected is a winner over William Clark according to our CBS News estimate and in the Oklahoma Senate race Republican Don nickles will be the winner according to our CBS News estimate you'll get some 58 55 percent of the vote - 47 45 percent of the vote for the Democratic candidate and the coats it was expected that coats might very well win that seat and take it away from the Republicans Henry Bellmon the president's senator from Oklahoma is retiring this year but that state will stay in Senate in the Republican hands and that gives the Republicans a much better chance to get that majority in the Senate John Hines was saying he hope they got just a moment ago Bruce Morton at our trend desk has been looking into the disparity between the close presidential polls over the weekend and the actual results were seen so far tonight Bruce Walter I think you have to say this is a tough year to be in the polling business almost all the final national opinion polls the ones that came out this past weekend showed as you know a very close race and this does not so far look like a very close race certainly not a close electoral race we tried to see who changed over the weekend and maybe apply we did that by comparing today's exit polling with all those weekend polls Reagan did a lot better among rural voters in our exit poll today then our final poll over the weekend showed he would and among the Vietnam generation the people now in their 30s Reagan did a lot better today than he did in that final poll Reagan improved among union members Carter led among them in our final public opinion poll by a larger margin than he did today Reagan improved among white Protestants improved among conservatives not that he was ever a loser with them and he even improved among people whose family finances have gotten better during the past I don't know quite why why the overall improvement over this past weekend maybe negative voting the people who told us today that they had decided late were more likely than the rest of our sample to say they were voting against somebody

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to say they were voting against somebody that's a statistic let me add one Hunt's Walter one person I talked to this evening says it's simple that there are a lot of closet reagan voters they wouldn't tell a pollster they were for Reagan they would mark a ballot for him on it well we hear that every election I think Bruce to be in all honesty that when if the polls are wrong their closet voters which seem to be perfectly obvious they didn't tell the pollsters what they were gonna do I'll buy that in other words we'll have more CBS News election night coverage in a moment [Music] Ronald Reagan rolling toward a victory tonight that an electoral votes might compare with the victory of Richard Nixon over George McGovern in 1972 that's a long statement to make in a and a prediction that would have to mean that he's going to sweep all the rest of the states practically Carter is one only two states so far Georgia and the District of Columbia were counting it as a state for this purpose with 15 electoral votes to some 12 states for Reagan and with a total of 182 electoral votes and that includes however some very key indicator states Texas and Florida in the South for instance Alabama in the south have gone for Reagan also in the middle west of Ohio has gone for for Reagan in the East Pennsylvania and New Jersey have gone for Reagan Connecticut has gone for Reagan if I say it looks like a sweep and it could be almost as big as that one in 1972 in the South Jimmy Carter in big trouble there and Bob Schieffer can tell us about of all the returns coming in tonight I suppose the ones coming in from the southern region most must be the most hurtful to the people in the Carter White House because President

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Carter White House because President Carter is not just losing across the South tonight he said he's losing badly and the the numbers tell the story let's look first at Texas in Texas the state that mr. Carter won with 51 percent of the vote in 1976 he has lost CBS News says that Reagan will get 56 percent of the vote there in Texas as in elsewhere across the south it is those yellow dog Democrat districts places where in the past two people would vote for a for a yellow dog if he were running on the Democratic ticket they're finding in those areas this year that at least some of the people are willing to vote for Ronald Reagan because the Reagan is cutting again again in a in those traditional areas all across the south mr. Carter is breaking even in those areas where he won sometimes two to three to one all across the south and he is losing in the areas the suburban areas around the South where in 1976 he was able to split the vote in Georgia mr. Carter's home state where he won with the considerable margin in 1976 more than 60% of the vote we show him winning only by 57% of the vote he won was 66 percent of the vote in Georgia in 1976 Oklahoma always a strong Republican state in recent years the general Ford carried it with only 50 percent of the vote in 1976 this year it looks as if mr. Reagan will carry it with more than 60% of the vote and in Florida a state that was considered to so close just two days ago it looks as if Ronald Reagan will win with 57% of the vote again scoring heavily in the rural areas and we also show Ronald Reagan running strong water in southern Florida now that's hard to believe that's always been a strong Democratic area southern Florida but tonight Ronald Reagan winning in that part applause CBS News coverage of the presidential election all the state contests will continue in a moment [Laughter]

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[Laughter] [Music] two more states in the regen column according to our CBS News estimates of votes actually cast in our sample precincts in those states Missouri has gone to Ronald Reagan that was a state that it was believed that Carter would hold this year and New Mexico a state which also the Reagan people had thought might go to Carter just might go has gone to Ronald Reagan he's got both Missouri and New Mexico now and and another big one fallen to Reagan Michigan Michigan has gone to Reagan Ohio and Michigan now in the middle west both for Reagan it really leaves Jimmy Carter almost nowhere to go to still pick up majority of votes tonight in all sections of the country he has lost in areas where he had to show some strength at least to win he's lost in the East with Pennsylvania New Jersey Connecticut he's lost in the middle west with Ohio and Michigan and Pennsylvania and the east did I say he's lost in the south with Texas Florida and Alabama and the West is going to Reagan as expected perhaps dan Rather can tell us now and well as I report that is 219 electoral votes by the way for Reagan he needs 270 Carter's only got 15 electoral votes from his own state of Georgia and the District of Columbia dan tell us about what happened in Michigan oh well in Michigan Walter the question was whether Ronald Reagan would be perceived as too

conservative for ethnic black and blue collar voters in Michigan you recall last time that native son Jerry Ford carried it for the Republicans in the presidential race by a very narrow margin and it was thought that Carter had a shot at Michigan this time it turned out not to be the case but he simply could not hold behind him the traditional Democratic coalition in Michigan it wasn't a case that he didn't get the vote out it wasn't the case that the John Anderson kept him from winning in Michigan he couldn't keep the

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in Michigan he couldn't keep the traditionally Democratic votes with him in Michigan and Walter I recognize the CBS News on our estimate so we haven't said that the race is over but more and more begins to look like turn out the lights the party is over because the only one of the major Midwestern industrial states that you figure Jimmy Carter had to carry tonight to have any chance at which we do not have enough returns on yet to make an estimate is in Illinois with 26 electoral votes and even a Jimmy Carter carry that it would not look good for him let's take a look at the overall presidential race in the Midwest Ohio has went has gone to Reagan Indiana has gone to Reagan water we're just about out of time I'm told but the fact of the matter is as of this hour the biggest question is whether it's going to be a complete blowout of the Liberal Democratic senators in the Midwest Birch Bayh has already gone down to defeat on the basis of our estimate and so has George McGovern and the same is true in the House races which we're going to be able to tabulate very shortly Reagan's coattails may be very broad this year it may be a quite a Republican sweep when all the votes are in as you pointed out then we cannot say on the basis of the actual number of votes we can count so far that Reagan has won the presidency but it seems almost impossible now for Jimmy Carter to possibly come back all sections of the country are going for Reagan and going very big this is Walter Cronkite at CBS News election headquarters [Music]

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from CBS News election headquarters in New York here again is Walter Cronkite not quite one fifth of the nation's vote has been counted on this election day but Ronald Reagan has jumped into a very early and a sweeping lead with 18 percent of the vote in he has 51 percent of the vote Carter 43 percent of the vote to 5 percent for independent John Anderson at this point in the county but the big count of course is in electoral states and those percentage leads of Reagan's have counted in the States so where the big electoral votes are throughout the nation in Florida and Texas and Ohio and Michigan Pennsylvania New Jersey Connecticut and now we can add on to that North Dakota which was expected to fall to Reagan giving him a total of 18 States Rhode Island has gone to Jimmy Carter however that's the second state plus the District of Columbia that the Jimmy Carter has won he has a total of 19 electoral votes now through some 222 electoral votes for Reagan Reagan leading only 270 electoral votes of course to be declared the 40th President of the United States declared so tonight he won't be declared officially that until the electoral votes are counted in the joint session of Congress on January 5th finally we have first returns coming in from the west where these prop theater percentages are supposed to increase during drastically and dramatically for Ronald Reagan and Lesley Stahl can tell us about that Lesley yes Walter according to our CBS exit poll Ronald Reagan is doing leading Jimmy Carter by percentage is much greater than he is in the rest of the country as you told us before Walter so far CBS News estimates that Ronald Reagan will win at least one of the western states that's New Mexico the Carter campaign had thought at one time at one point that the President had a chance there if they could get a large

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chance there if they could get a large turnout but turnout is down seven percent over last time according to the CBS projections Jimmy Carter almost won in New Mexico last time but as you can tell he's not even close this time in the West as in the rest of the country one of the stories we'll be watching tonight is just how long Ronald Reagan's coattails are there's one state at least one Senate race at least where they do not seem to be that long that is in California Ronald Reagan's home state where Alan Cranston the number-two leader in the Senate he's the Senate whip according to our exit poll appears to be winning re-election there

against Paul Gann Walter one last thing people always wonder just what effect are reporting all these wins for Ronald Reagan around the rest of the country affects voting and they in the West in five of the last six presidential elections the West as a whole in California particularly the largest state out there has given the winner a lower percentage than the nation as a whole so it does not appear that our telling voters how it's going leads to a bandwagon effect for the winner so matter of fact you know CBS new is concerned about that one we first had computers back in 1952 didn't even call them computers what we call them electric brains in those days but when we first tried it in 1952 there was a lot of concern on the part of CBS and we did various extensive surveys in the West and determined that was the case that it didn't make a difference it shouldn't make a difference to people because after all they're all the other races to be decided besides the presidential race and besides you want your state to count in a presidential race and it still does count a great deal it was quite what it looks like in the rest of the country but they're all the legislators up 42 state legislatures are up this year 43 of state legislators are up and that's a very important matter there's something like a 7,500 legislative seats across the country and those legislators are going to read district 8 on the basis of the 1980 census and on that basis can by a little

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census and on that basis can by a little process called gerrymandering drawing those district lines the way they want to solidify their state's Republican or Democrat for the next 10 years or help do that depending on a course national but it will it will help and then on the ballot are all these propositions in all these states that we're raising taxes or lowering taxes putting a limit on taxes I think 15 states that have tax propositions up before them well the Republicans in the West at least poured a lot more money into the state legislature races than the Democrats did it all seems all over the country they the Democrats did nothing the legislative races and it was absolutely dumbfounded that political experts as to why they didn't do Republicans for millions of dollars and the legislative races they targeted them right where they thought they could get a majority in a state legislature to redistricting the future very smart of them in West Virginia the gubernatorial race has been decided jay rockefeller according to our CBS News estimate that's john d rockefeller the fourth has been re-elected governor in West Virginia turning back a challenge from arch Moore who defeated him in 1972 when Jay Rockefeller made his first bid for the governorship back in 76 however when Morcha Moore was not running the rockefeller got into the governorship and now you know Rockefeller has won a second term and what was said to be the most expensive race in the country spent ten and a half million dollars were told on winning that governorship race CBS News election night coverage will continue in a moment [Music] President Carter with defeat imminent is arriving now a Democratic campaign headquarters at the Washington Sharon hotel Bob Shack knees there Bob Walter the president's motorcade is just pulling up at the front door greeting

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pulling up at the front door greeting him outside you can't quite see him yet his Democratic National Chairman Strauss jesse jackson's other dignitaries the president is going to make his way into the hotel go to the ballroom where we expect he will of the aggressing this not very happy crowd the president's motorcade is being preceded by police cars now we hear applause from outside we can see the flashing light the crowds in front of me Walter so I can tell this crowd is a fought engineer part of security men are now walking in in the distance I can see dignitaries at the president's car and he should be coming out in just a moment he is out of his car we hear the cheers and I can just catch the slightest glimpse of the president in this very difficult night coming to the his party's election night headquarters with what is obviously bad news preceding the president his appointment secretary so wise has just walked in security people to walk in and here comes President Carter accompanied national chairman Robert Strauss Jesse Jackson crowd is cheering most of the people can't see the president yet he was in the doorway the moment I can't see him Walter Bob yes well while we're waiting there for him to appear we just saw ham George in the corner of the picture there's actually Justin just worried we can see his picture now [Applause] mr. president the president is shaking

hands he's not saying anything for those of us who've been waiting he is walking through the corridor of the hotel and he is heading toward the ballroom where his followers of gathered he should be there in a few moments and Phil Jones is there

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in a few moments and Phil Jones is there Bob here in the ballroom there are a few hundred people who have gathered waiting to see the president we're out frankly wouldn't be as large as it is if it weren't for a defense contractors convention that is being held here in the hotel at the time and many of these people who were attending this convention decided to come in here and take a look at see what is happening there has been very little going on here all evening as you can imagine people gathered around the four projectors around this ballroom that carried the results and of course all the news coming in was bad news the only thing that occurred about 15 or 20 minutes ago some of the name of John Maddox who is just a loyal Carter supporter went up to the microphone and said that don't be don't be disappointed because four years from now everybody in the country is going to be talking about what a good President Jimmy Carter Bill Jones fills this is Cronkite back at our headquarters here we might point out for those who maybe missed it earlier tonight that we didn't have a report from the White House from The Associated Press there as a matter of fact that that President Carter have indicated the President Carter had wanted to concede quite early but that Jody Powell his new secretary had suggest that he wait a while and we just had a report from Terry Drinkwater a Reagan source out at out in California where Reagan is watching these returns and has said that President Carter has called Ronald Reagan that he chatted briefly with him and implied apparently a concession although implied was the underlined word in that report from the Reagan source what that means exactly I don't know it seemed to me you either concede or you don't concede how you imply one may be a pretty tricky bit of semantics and and while we're waiting here Colorado

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and while we're waiting here Colorado according to our CBS News estimate has gone to Reagan as it is expected it would the big question in Colorado is going to be whether liberal moderate liberal senator Gary Hart one-time campaign manager for George McGovern will go the route of George McGovern tonight which was the route to defeat George McGovern was defeated in South Dakota and will not be returned to the Senate James Abner the Republican one there Gary Hart was in a very close race with mary astell Buchanan in Colorado and perhaps a wide lead by Reagan there will spelled great difficulty for mr. Hart fill Walter of you will hear now the Henry Devron Orchestra that has been playing here all evening talking to mr. dev Ron before tonight's event started he has said that his first a political event there was a happy one in 1948 he played at the one of the inaugural balls for President Harry Truman throughout the evening we have found a few of the White House Carter White House staff people who have come by they were hoping to have a big victory celebration here but obviously it hasn't turned out that way for the most part they're taking it as well as could be expected saying that obviously they've they've had better nights on election and they're having here little earlier little earlier filled up John White the Democratic National Committee Chairman this afternoon he before these returns piled up although after pat caddell of a pollster had apparently told President Carter and the official family and Bob Strauss and all of them that the president was going to lose tonight well after that John White said if you lose by one or two points you can always second-guess to win us by a huge margin you just never looked back that's the way I felt about McGovern the

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that's the way I felt about McGovern the country just wasn't ready he's talking about McGovern seventy two presidential race of course the people didn't want to hear what we were trying to say according to white about that seventy two race well they weren't actually voting for Reagan or against Carter he said they're just unhappy about the economy and the u.s. stature in the world but of course they apparently blame that on Jimmy Carter you know many of the people here tonight Walter were we're really not that surprised that can result but what they were shocked at at at least the margin and it appears that I think generally a feeling from

the president supporters of disappointment for some reason they feel that the president just didn't get all the credit for the many things that he had done and they they feel that this is a unfortunate for him but on the whole I think that there were we're not at all surprised they just feel a little cheated there there you can see Jody Powell standing by now as everybody is waiting for the president to alive in the ball in the pier there's his congressional liaison director Frank Moore Moore who was taken off the campaign during the last few days because indicating that the Ayatollah is dying of cancer now the president first family is arriving at our White House correspondent Amol is down in the crowd Jed Thank You Philip a number of these dignitaries went out this door in the other direction presumably to shake the president's hand and as the Secretary of State goes by and John White you can figure the president is not far behind and you know Phil I've been listening to you and standing down here in this crowd I haven't seen anybody weeping down here now a few of the White House aides who are coming and looked a little teary-eyed but it's a noisy and rather happy group and as I look over at the

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happy group and as I look over at the door there's Hamilton Jordan going up on the stage but I haven't seen the president come through the crowd yet the dead we saw on the join of the platform I see Cadell just inside the door Walter and there's dr. Peter Bourne who was a very very early carter adviser in Georgia Miss Bob Strauss Jed hello Jed you hear me [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] the judge Duvall can you hear me I hear you we see ham shirt and there of course now the I was going to say a moment ago in this pat caddell the president's political pollster is the one who prepared Lee had the deliver the bad news this afternoon or last night to the president that he was not going to win in this election early this morning I gathered plane was away from Washington to Plains Georgia we saw senator Secretary of State muskie up there on the platform to one of the big questions right now will be with this sweeping Reagan victory that's in the making tonight whether or not the president takes him into his counsels on how to deal with the hostage situation

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how to deal with the hostage situation in Iran since almost anything we do in that hostage crisis is going to impinge very heavily upon our foreign policy in the future in that very hot corner of the world it would seem that the Republicans will want to have some input into what that's what that policy will be [Music] [Applause] [Music] Walter just about all of the people who are the closest to mr. Carter in this administration have come through this door and it's touching to see a lot of people bravely holding back tears and clapping along to the Democratic Party traditional happy days are here again so on [Music] the scene Jesse Jackson the black activist leader from of Chicago is been a very strong with this push program which is trying to tell the black youth of this country that education is the way to the future balance for them in the nation's affairs and he has been working hard before President Carter I think the president is right inside that door Walter and I think is coming through right now know they closed the door sorry [Applause] they're clearly getting ready here for for the president's appearance and what is round expected to be is concession statement a big question for President Carter now is whether or not he will be able to to

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is whether or not he will be able to to escape groundwater and the president will be huge shortly okay goodnight [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause]

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[Music] not only the president but the splendid president of these United States I promised you I promised you four years ago that I would never lie to you so I can't stand it or night and say it doesn't hurt the people of the United States have made a choice and of course I accept that decision but I have to admit not with the same enthusiasm that I accepted the decision four years ago I might say I have a deep appreciation of the

system however that lets people make a free choice about who will lead them for the next four years about an hour ago I called governor Reagan in California and I told him that I congratulated him for fine victory I look forward to working closely with him during the next few weeks we'll have a very fine transition period I told him I wanted the best one in history and I then sent him this telegram and I'll read it to you it's now apparent that the American people have chosen you that as an ex-president I congratulate you and pledge to you our fullest support and cooperation in bringing about an orderly transition of

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bringing about an orderly transition of government in the weeks ahead my best wishes are with you and your family as you undertake the responsibilities that lie before you and I signed it Jimmy Carter [Applause] I have been I have been blessed as only a few people ever have to help shape the destiny of this nation in that effort I've had your faithful support in some ways I've been the most fortunate of all presidents because I've had the daily aid of a wise man and a good man at my side in my judgment the best vice president anybody ever has I've not achieved all I set out to do perhaps no one ever does but we have faced the tough issues we've stood for and we fought for and we have achieved some very important goals for our country these efforts will not end with this administration the effort must go on nor will the progress that we have

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on nor will the progress that we have made be lost when we leave office the great principles that have guided this nation since its very founding will continue to guide America through the challenges of the future this has been a long and hard-fought campaign as you well know but we must now come together as a united and a unified people to solve the problems that are still before us to meet the challenges of a new decade and I urge all of you to join in with me in a sincere and fruitful effort to support my successor when he undertakes this great responsibility as president of a greatest nation on earth ours is a special country because our vast economic and military strength give us a special responsibility for seeking solutions to the problems that confront the world but our influence will always be greater when we live up to those principles of freedom of justice of human rights for all people God has been good to me and God has been good to this country and I'm truly thankful I'm thankful for having been able to serve you in this capacity thankful for the successes that we have had thankful that to the end you were with me and every good thing that I tried to do there's an old Yiddish proverb that I've often thought of in the days and months that I've held this office it says simply God gives burdens also shoulders in all the days and months when I have served you

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days and months when I have served you and serve this country you've readily given me your shoulders your faith and your prayers no man could ask any more of his friends I've wanted to serve as president because I love this country and because I love the people of this nation I'm over finally finally let me say that I am disappointed tonight but I have not lost either love thank you very much [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music]

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[Music] [Applause] [Music] so Jimmy Carter the defeated president shakes hands with some of his well-wishers as he leaves the hotel ballroom in Washington presumably to return to the White House even as it was given his concession statement tonight he did win two more states according to our CBS News estimate he took Minnesota the state the only state outside of Georgia giving him a two-digit electrode number ten electoral votes go to him from Minnesota and West Virginia has

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from Minnesota and West Virginia has also gone for a Jimmy Carter so he is now a won four states and the District of Columbia for a total of 35 electoral votes but even as those votes were being tallied for Carter the next president the United States Ronald Reagan apparently was winning three more states according to our CBS News estimate he is taking Delaware Vermont and Wyoming so the electoral count now looks like 35 for Carter and to some 238 for Ronald Reagan as you can see Ronald Reagan very close to the 270 he needs as I was saying just as the president walked into that room in the Washington hotel what he would hope for now it would seem is that his defeat will not be as bad as that which played to Barry Goldwater back in 1964 and now Mondale was speaking there in Washington let's listen to him the Vice President Reagan on his victory I joined the president and extending to mr. Reagan and mr. Bush and their families our congratulations now we must stand together behind our president-elect all of us we have only one president he deserves our support and he will have it obviously I would rather have one but I also see as I think you do a chance to rejoice where we are above all thank God privileged to live in a democracy today all across this nation in high school cafeterias in town halls and churches and synagogues the American people quietly wielded their staggering power and peacefully without intimidation made their choice and

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intimidation made their choice and whatever the outcome tonight we celebrate above all the process we call American freedom [Applause] these last four years and with your help the American people have conferred on me the highest privilege I've ever held a higher office than I ever expected to hold and I am deeply honored to have served as vice president of the United States I especially want to thank President Carter and Roseland for their kindness to me and to Joan and to our family this kind and good man this president has permitted me to work more closely with him than any vice president in American history and I thank him profoundly for that I have no regrets for I've learned in this office as I could in no other way about our country's richness and our worlds promise I've been moved by the majesty of our continent lifted by the

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majesty of our continent lifted by the strength of our people buoyed by the gift of their whip touched by the decency of their spirit and stretched by the reach of their hope tonight I want to thank everyone here and people all across the nation for the support that you've given us and above all I want to thank the people of Minnesota for their magnificent and continuing trust and friendship it is it is the people of Minnesota's trust and friendship and Walter Fritz Mondale vice president United States that very possibly put that state into Jimmy Carter's Mondale column tonight the Minnesota according to our CBS news estimate has gone one of four states and the District of Columbia that have gone to Jimmy Carter tonight incidentally he was speaking from st. Paul not Washington as I think I said earlier in Los Angeles Reagan campaign director William Casey watched President Carter's concession speech tonight and mr. Casey is with Jerry Bowen right now Jerry well Walter bill Casey has seen a great deal with the Reagan campaign he came on board in New Hampshire when it was in financial trouble and he has seen it now reached the ultimate success the White House you did see President Carter's a concession statement and vice president Mondale concession statement to your reaction to those statements first mr. Casey Geri certainly of President Carter and vice president Mondale made gracious and generous concession statements were true in the but which were in the best tradition best American political tradition and I'm confident that we're seeing here tonight and we'll see in the weeks ahead one of the glories of the American political system in which the people speak on election day express our mandate and then both parties cooperate to work out the concession and implement that mandate over the weeks and months ahead President Carter said the

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ahead President Carter said the transition would be one of the best in American history that president-elect Reagan and President Carter would worked closely together what is going to be the the agenda for that transition what have you worked out in the meetings that were held here at Los Angeles today well we're happy meetings during a way to a develop our transition team we will surely being in touch with the officials

Jessica aided by President Carter to implement the transition from their standpoint but that will be one of the main orders of fitness over the parents of this week we were told last night mister that last night mr. casey that you folks knew from your own polls that you were going to win by 12% at least that was your projection but nobody could believe that kind of margin and so conservative estimates were given to the press ru is stunned surprised by this electoral landslide as everyone else as a matter as a matter of fact Jerry I'm not I have been very bullish about the outcome here I believed our polls would show us winning very very strongly by maybe 10 or 11 points I don't know what the final outcome is going to be but I have felt in my bones and on the basis of my experience of some of the eastern states that we would win New York Connecticut and New Jersey which were questionable in the at our calculations so I'm not I'm not that much surprised by the magnitude of our victory bill Casey our national campaign manager thank you very much Walter Thank You Jerry and mr. Casey thank you very much the question of course is going to be now for Jimmy Carter the first Democrat seeking re-election for a full second term to be defeated in 92 years the question is for him what is he going to do after he leaves the White House we heard according to Reuters tonight that his mother says she wants him to come back to Plains Georgia cut the grass and clean up the yard it's his Baptist minister in Washington

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it's his Baptist minister in Washington a couple of years ago was quoted as his quarter to saying that the president had told him that he'd like to enter the Baptist missionary work when he left the White House well we'll just have to wait and see we'll have more CBS News election night coverage in a moment [Laughter] your again is Walter Cronkite we're just able to say with our CBS news estimate to that Ronald Reagan has won Wisconsin which was the state expected to go to Carter 11 electoral votes gives him 265 electoral votes just five electoral votes short to the 270 needed to become the next president he's arriving at his victory celebration at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles right now Jerry Bowen and Bill planner there gentlemen so we don't know whether he's coming here right away or going upstairs to meet some of his close friends and supporters it was original game plan as Wilson wants to go upstairs but wait the victory results and since that's happened brother prematurely in luck for a landslide there are a number of indications that he will come here greet the crowd that's now moving the Reagan victory beat then he'll go upstairs and friends and supporters Walter I don't know if you can see what's going on here or if you can hear it but this Ballroom is just packed with Ronald Reagan supporters who were let in here about a half hour ago and they seemed bent on having a good time Sullivan a gentleman well we hear you yeah hi did you uh did you hear anything

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yeah hi did you uh did you hear anything more about the Carter phone call to Reagan what they said back and forth did you get any news on that well we haven't heard water exactly what was said we know that the call came before governor Reagan left his home in Pacific Palisades about 8:30 your time or 8:35 came to Governor Reagan just about two minutes after governor or rather representative Anderson okay both calls before he left for dinner he's running a little bit behind schedule right now maybe what they said he may be running behind schedule as far as appearance is out there Philip L Joe but he's certain we're winning way ahead of schedule of the incoming votes tonight as you can see 275 electoral votes now he needed 270 to win it was Louisiana according to our CBS News counted of states that put him over the top Louisiana's electoral votes ten electoral votes added to the 265 he had before that's a total of some 26 states he is now 127 with Louisiana now and 275 electoral votes to merely 35 electoral votes for Jimmy Carter what with a lot of states still outstanding of course mr. Carter's numbers could increase considerably but no way now according to our CBS News estimates he can overtake Ronald Reagan and Ronald Reagan will become the next president United States most people celebrating out there in California can celebrate on a double count he's the first resident through California ever to win a first term with president United States Richard Nixon when he won his first term as president in 1968 was officially listed as a resident of New York City and not

until 1972 on his second term that he lists himself as a resident of California so Ronald Reagan goes into the Guinness Book of Records as long as in all other reference books I suppose now but even in the Guinness Book at any

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now but even in the Guinness Book at any rate the first Californian elected to his first term in the presidency Hiram Johnson thought he'd won at at one time but as we know he woke up the next morning to find he hadn't by the way the he's also the first the native son of Illinois to be elected president and that one gets a lot of people they think that Lincoln was well Lincoln was a native of Kentucky not of Illinois so he's got a couple of firsts on his record a donor we expect to see him here pretty shortly we'll keep you informed all right we'll come back to you as soon as we get some action from you out there go tell them Los Angeles we can now say that Utah so is in Ronald Reagan's column boosting his electoral count even more the big thing that that President Carter I'm sure would hope for now is that he does not go down two electoral defeat as one of the worst defeats in our history he would like certainly I know to beat Barry Goldwater's for record in 1964 when Goldwater won adjust six states and 52 electoral votes so far Carter has won five states and the District of Columbia for his total of 35 electoral votes CBS News election night coverage will continue in a moment [Music] back here at our CBS news election headquarters where another one of the liberal senators Democrats targeted by the conservative groups for defeat is now according to our CBS News estimate gone down to defeat the third of that six member group and that is Senator John Culver of Iowa having lost to

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John Culver of Iowa having lost to Charles Grassley the Republican candidate for that seat from Iowa the others who lost for Birch Bayh in Indiana and George McGovern in South Dakota rather dan Rather can tell us something about the Culver loss I'm sure Walter granted that it looks like a tidal wave for Ronald Reagan what we're dealing with here though is possibly changing the whole complexion of the United States Senate possibly doing so all of the Liberal Democratic senators in the Midwest all of the run-up tonight whose races have been decided have lost by Culver McGovern the only one the only race yet to be decided in that category Gaylord Nelson in Wisconsin who is battling for his political life some of our sample precincts are reporting in Wisconsin but not enough yet to indicate any trend there other than a very close race now it's one thing to say that the Republicans might win control of the United States Senate but everyone should keep in mind that what has happened in the Midwest tonight is not just simply Republicans replacing Liberal Democrats but Republicans clearly to the right side of the political spectrum so you could be talking about here tonight water depending on how they Gaylord Nelson race turns out and some other races such as the one in Colorado and other places not just to change in the party leadership for the United States Senate but a more significant shift I realize that Georgians up at them we do have a George McGovern speaking out in South Dakota let's listen who served the people of South Dakota for so many years and I thank them for their patience with me and their tolerance of ideas that frequently were not in popular favor I lead the United States Senate the service of South Dakota with very deep personal satisfaction and with no regrets at all for the battles that we have fought over the past eighteen years the greatest satisfactions of my public life where the efforts we made to defend

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life where the efforts we made to defend the family farmer to nourish the hungry and to help the country find the ways that make for peace important in that was the effort some years ago to bring it down to the tragedy in Vietnam it was my [Applause] it was my highest privilege while representing the people of South Dakota to also be nominated for the presidency of the United States that was george mcgovern the three-term senator he's been in the Senate for 18 years at 58 years old he was defeated finally in South Dakota after a couple of very close races before he's always had a tough race this time he went down in the great Reagan Republican sweep of 1982 James Abner a four term congressman a very popular man in South Dakota and will now be the new senator from that state Abner is 57 years old we'll have more CBS News election night

coverage in a mall that was supposed to be very close and is according to the CBS estimate extremely tight you can see that Mary Estill Buchanan the Republican is slightly ahead of Gary Hart who was perceived or painted by his opponent as a liberal in Washington who came back to

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a liberal in Washington who came back to the state and tried to appear to be conservative this may be another state where Reagan Reagan's just swamping in the presidential race may overwhelm Gary Hart in Idaho according to the CBS estimate Steven Sims the conservative Republican congressman is leading over the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Frank Church in let me just tell you what the presidential numbers are according to CBS estimate Ronald Reagan is feeding Jimmy Carter in Idaho by 75 to 20 so if Frank Church wins in that race that will be quite an accomplishment one of the big issues there if you can believe it is the Panama Canal it's a burning issue in Idaho Frank Church led the fight against the FIB for the Panama Canal treaties despite the fact that 94 percent of the state was against the treaties in Utah CBS News is estimating that jake garn has won the state of Utah that is really not because Ronald Reagan is popular it's because Jake Garn is popular he is as conservative as Ronald Reagan he beat Dan Berman former state Democratic Party Chairman executive I think he was executive director of the party there lastly let's look at Washington State where the polls have just closed this is another big Democratic Senate chairman East Warren Magnuson the Democrat chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee in a tight race against the Republican Attorney General's slave Gordon with only 1% of the vote in it's a very close race out there and we may be up watching this race Gary Hart race and possibly possibly even the Frank church race late into the evening and despite what Harry says this may be the region that decides whether the Republicans overtake the Senate this year so I've been keeping tabs in these reports of all of yours and I get it as nine races nine races with incumbent Democrats where Republicans are now leading some of those without many returns in yet nine where they're leading the Republicans have already

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leading the Republicans have already taken four seats from the Democrats it could be possible tonight that on the Reagan coattails and with this conservative tied across the country 13 seats will be won by the Democrats the largest and modern times in the Senate in a single race turning the control of the United States Senate handily over to the Republicans and furthermore every one of those Republican senators is more conservative than the Democrats they are ousting some considerably more conservative some far to the right compared to where the Democrats they have driven out of office have been or are driving out of office of all of this turns out now all of these races may not draw the way they're indicated right now but that's what they're what appear to be the situation at the moment in the state of Missouri we just had a gubernatorial call there was expected to be a close race in a rematch a close rematch there between Christopher bond and the present governor Joseph Teasdale Teasdale Houston bond a couple of years ago and now bond came back this year and according to CBS News estimate has won this state house at Jefferson City for the Republicans so we've got Senate that looks like it could very well tonight to go conservative and Republican by a very considerable margin the first time either House of the Congress has been in Republican hands since 53 54 on the heels of the Eisenhower victory in 1952 and in the gubernatorial races there are also some switches that are possibly going to take place tonight in the 13 races they're in the House of Representatives has we reported to you earlier and we now have refined our estimates somewhat in the house that the new house will have 250 Democrats 184 publicans which represents a loss of around 25 to 28 seats that estimate of

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around 25 to 28 seats that estimate of ours isn't absolutely firm give or take seven seats but it indicates an improvement on the conservative Republican side in the House of Representatives although the Democrats of course with those figures retain control Bruce Morton has been looking at the comparison between the Reagan 1980 land side and the 1972 one but together by Richard Nixon as fellow Californian Bruce come in

Walter as you said the last presidential massacre was in 1972 and the victim of course was George McGovern Senate loser tonight who then got just 38 percent of the vote we don't know yet what percentage President Carter will end up with but at the moment it's not very different from the governs our exit poll shows him with just over 40% in a three-way race of course and our poll shows some other similarities to 1972 then McGovern got just over 48 percent of the Union vote now Carter is doing only a little better he has about half the Union vote the 2:1 about the same with Catholics and so on defections in other words among traditionally Democratic roots in 1972 though McGovern's defeat was not a disaster for the Democratic Party Richard Nixon did not have to use the old phrase long cocktails ronald reagan's cocktail size is still open the question but certainly as that regional and a couple of minutes showed the Republicans are making serious Senate games as for the house we asked people in our poll today how they voted for Congress those poll figures don't mean anything in terms of who'll win a particular district but overall a lot more people today said they were voting Republican for Congress than did four years ago and they don't seem to be doing any more ticket splitting than they did four years ago so what that suggests as our house estimate suggests is that the Republicans may make sizeable gains in the Congress tonight water earlier this evening Phil Jones in Washington talked with President Carter's campaign manager former chief of staff at the White House Hamilton

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of staff at the White House Hamilton jerky the presidency of this country is a very difficult job I don't want to talk tonight which should be a night of victory for governor Reagan I don't want to but to make a lot of alibis or excuses but it is a difficult job we I think have made tough decisions we have not sidestepped issues the last four years some of those decisions were politically controversial there have been things that have happened around the world such as the OPEC price increases which had a devastating effect on our economy here at home and we have still tonight a tragic situation in Iran where 52 Americans are being held hostage so a number a number of these things came together in the last few days of the campaign and then the tide turned against us we had that an independent candidate running if many of those people if you have not been in the race where you have supported the president so it's a confluence of political and substitute things plus an effective campaign by governor Reagan and addressing the issues in a way that appeal to the American people with the victory of just barely in hand but a sizeable victory that it is the Reagan campaign forces and now the transition force becomes that is already beginning to put back together some the loose ends that came came apart in the last part of the campaign at least according to Reuters William Casey who is the reagan campaign chief is saying the night that Richard Allen the Foreign Affairs adviser to Reagan who withdrew a week ago because of charges of financial impropriety when he was in the Nixon administration has rejoined as of tonight the Reagan staff Allen has been mentioned as possibly the

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Allen has been mentioned as possibly the national security adviser in the Reagan administration that would be the job now held under Carter buys Vigna presents key as we've been reporting throughout the evening that is a Reagan landslide tonight one 279 electoral votes according to our CBS News estimate as you see on our board there and Jimmy Crocker has won just thirty five electoral votes so far and all of those big western states are yet to be heard from a lot of them are bill moyers has a few words to tell us about one-term president Bill Walker listening to Hamilton Jordan a minute ago I was reminded of something mr. Jordan said to the staff at the Democratic National Committee not long after Jimmy Carter had been elected in 1976 said Hamilton Jordan after one term as governor of Georgia Jimmy couldn't have been reelected in Georgia for a second term maybe he'll wind up that way in 1980 well he has and while his defeat says a lot about the way Jimmy Carter has run things it also says a lot about the office itself it's almost a cliche to point out these days that not since 1960 has a president completed two terms in the White House or left office with the affection and esteem of his countrymen Kennedy elected and assassinated Johnson elected and discredited Nixon elected and disgraced Ford appointed and defeated Carter elected and defeated it's rare in fact that presidents actually do serve two terms Walter just look at the period leading up to this century Hayes elected

to the smell of scandal Garfield assassinated Arthur denied his party's nomination Cleveland defeated for re-election by Harrison with a minority of the popular vote Harrison defeated for re-election by Cleveland McKinley assassinated Roosevelt splitting the Republican Party in fact 22 of our 39 presidents have

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in fact 22 of our 39 presidents have been one-term president the good old days were never as placid as we remember them Walter and the presidency is more a target of turbulence than an island of stability we Americans seemed to revere the presidency and despised the men who seek it during the campaign we compared them to the noblest models we compared them to Jefferson's brilliance the Lincoln's wisdom to the to Roosevelt's energy and Karisma to Kennedy's charm but once they're elected we look at them as if they were wanted posters at the post office yesterday Ronald Reagan joined hands with his supporters in California and saying god Bless America better he had saying god help me Walter jebel and here is another state for Reagan one that even the Reagan people themselves had thought they might lose tonight in the Pacific Northwest Washington has gone for Ronald Reagan and also in California in the Senate race there where Alan Cranston Liberal Democratic senator was one of those targeted by conservatives he has won his race over the over Paul Gann who was one of the authors of proposition 13 the ceiling on property taxes in California set off such a wave of that across the country Alan Cranston is one he is the first of the liberal senators targeted by the Conservatives who has won a race tonight others have lost Birch Bayh in Indiana John Culver in Iowa and George McGovern in South Dakota Ronald Reagan as you know is expected soon at his hotel out there in California to address his group and we will be going there when the time comes although they say it is still several minutes away so at this moment we have

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minutes away so at this moment we have 47% of the national vote in and 50% for Reagan 43% for Carter but Reagan leading with a whopping 288 electoral votes 235 for Carter this is Walter Cronkite at CBS News election headquarters [Music] [Applause] [Music] this portion of election night is sponsored by the bail system keeping your communication system the best in the world by Polaroid inventors of instant photography and by Esmark a family of companies serving the families of America and now from CBS News election headquarters in New York here again is Walter Cronkite and the reagan tide rolls on and on the tide that will make him the 40th President of the United States come next January 20th he has won now according to our CBS News estimate and to more of the western states where he is expected to win Nevada and in Arizona Nevada is three electoral votes and those in Arizona now go into the Reagan mccollum that means that in the in the the number of states won President Carter has still won just five states including the District of Columbia for a total of now 35 electoral votes Reagan has won a grand total of two hundred and ninety seven electoral votes all of the states marked in blue there as you see 297 to 35 and a very

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there as you see 297 to 35 and a very important senatorial race the Republicans have taken another seat and this time they have sent into retirement one of the oldest Senators in the United States Senate and sense of service 36 years in the United States Senate two ranking member of that body of course Warren Magnuson the center senator from Washington has been defeated by the Republican Slade Gorton according to our CBS News estimate and here is Ronald Reagan let's see if we can listen and he's in his hotel suite in Los Angeles [Applause] I don't think we had audio from that picture anyway it was a brief shot that they permitted us as he obviously took a congratulatory call from a friend we assumed that that call was not from President Carter he said he called him some time ago to concede the election and to congratulate him as did John Anderson of the independent candidate who incidentally now has a six percent of the votes with just 50 percent of the national vote counted incidentally with that sixty of fifty percent half the nation's vote counted it's 50 percent still for Reagan 43 percent for Carter 6 percent for John Anderson and bread Clark the libertarian candidate just a bear a 1 percent of the vote that's 6 percent for Anderson if it holds up all evening through the western state count will mean that he will collect federal matching funds and perhaps

be able to retire a great portion if not all of his presidential campaign a death let's go now to those western states and a report from our Western Regional reporter Lesley Stahl Walter Ronald Reagan is taking the West by storm let's look at the recap board and see how well he is doing we don't have any returns in yet from the state of Alaska but he is decisively beating Jimmy Carter in Arizona in Colorado it's

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Jimmy Carter in Arizona in Colorado it's according to our estimate 58 for Reagan 32 for Carter in Idaho it's 74 for Reagan 21 for Carter Montana 58 to 35 Reagan is winning in as one according to our estimate or at least is leading in Nevada Ronald Reagan has won New Mexico Utah Washington where Carter went just yesterday according to our estimate he'll win there with 55 to 36 for Carter and Reagan in Wyoming 66 to 28 it's an absolute landslide just trouncing him as you said Walter Warren Magnuson has gone down to defeat in Washington age was the big issue as it was when Jacob Javits ran in the primary here his opponent the man who was won the Republican slave Gordon the attorneys raise the age issue very subtly in his ads by jogging and bicycling never really hitting it straight on but that and the Reagan landslide in Washington is going to defeat the senior member of the Senate the chairman of the Appropriations Committee who by the way brought the state 1 billion dollars in relief aid for the victims of Mont st. Helen but that was not enough to convince the voters of Washington to return him to the Senate he's been in Congress for 44 years water Leslie can you make any suggestion as to what the percentage of vote Reagan is getting over Carter in the West because we've got 50 percent of the vote counted popular vote is now 50% only for Reagan and clearly the West is gonna much much it's two to one in the West generally speaking but we don't have California in yet and that is about half the West the interesting thing to watch in the West is that McGovern lost the West for 39% of the vote and with the states we have so far Jimmy Carter's the speech would be greater but it really is difficult to say without the California returns not any way we can be quite certain that when all of your states are in from the West we're going to see a much higher percentage of the national vote for Ronald Reagan this isn't going to be one of those cases which we've had in the in

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of those cases which we've had in the in the past history where a man who wins the presidency with just a bare majority of the votes and sometimes even not a majority of the votes that has happened in our history four times in this century as a matter of fact but it's not like it happened this time but this huge electoral landslide of Ronald Reagan's CBS news coverage of the presidential election all the state races will continue in a moment [Music] according to our CBS News estimate another state for Reagan Oregon has fallen into his long list of states he's one denied that was another one that even the Republicans had thought maybe the Democrats would take tonight well they didn't Reagan has made a clean sweep now of all the western states that we have been able to count so far everything was to the Mississippi except Minnesota has gone for Reagan as on our account let's get an update now from Bill Plante at the Century Plaza Hotel on what's happened to the governor Reagan we thought we'd be down there amongst you by now bill what are we expecting governor Reagan at about 20-25 minutes but we know that earlier you saw some pictures of governor Reagan up in his suite some of us were up there that a Michael he's talking on the telephone some Texas that I feel just great this is just unbelievable isn't it and explain that not only Ronald Reagan but also Nancy Reagan feels that way she told us that she was believed she also said that she'd be happy to get some sleep Reagan's host Sir Richard Wirthlin now projects that they'll probably get more than 400 electoral votes they had said about 390 as you heard earlier before I think now it'll go over the 400 mark the governor has been working on

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mark the governor has been working on his speech the one that he'll give down here when he comes in our bill let me let me interrupt you California according to CBS News as Hutton has gone for Ronald Reagan I don't think anybody really expected otherwise even President Carter didn't make a last-minute campaign appearance there despite his earlier plans but that state is in the reagan camp now and that puts his

electoral count up there 348 now go ahead bill one of the electoral count at 348 and still climbing is pretty much what the Reagan strategists expect we were telling you that up in his suite governor Reagan was calling people around the country we know that he talked to Senator Paul Laxalt his close friend I leave they're very close who talked to Governor Jim Rhodes of Ohio somebody who's been with him frequently on the campaign trail making all of those those courtesy calls that you know a politician will make either in defeat or victory we've learned a little bit to Walter about what Governor Reagan talked to the president about he described it as a very very nice offer from the president to aid in the transition he said that he had accepted that because he wanted a smooth transition as well so it's quite plain that they are absolutely delighted and we expect to see them down here Walter very shortly repeal if you heard anything about who will head up his transition team weird it might be James Baker who came to him somewhat reluctantly from the George Bush campaign Walter we understand that that decision has not been made yet it was due to be made at a new lunch of the senior staff today it wasn't made we're not quite sure why but we expect that it will be made tomorrow James had come up and flew that of Jim Baker as you mentioned ed Meese who is the governor's chief of staff and who will certainly have some major role in a Reagan administration and of course there's Michael Deaver who is very close to governor's closest personal aide we will hear that well we also add a report that was carried on Reuters tonight that bill Casey the campaign chief had said that Richard Allen as of tonight is back on

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Richard Allen as of tonight is back on the Regan staff is there any significance in that well it wasn't clear to us whether he was going to stay off the staff we're not they were fairly frank in admitting that they didn't want that as a problem in the last few days of the campaign they didn't want that to be ammunition for the Carter camp so mr. Allen voluntarily took himself off but of course if he hadn't done it voluntarily they would have done it for him he is back he's wearing his staff pin and we expect that he will be part of the transition team especially as you know is Foreign Affair thank you very much bill we'll be talking more with you later on tonight certainly and we'll be waiting to hear from Ronald Reagan when he appears there with his victory statement to his supporters at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles CBS News election night coverage will continue in a moment [Music] I'm really well pleased to begin with because an awful lot of people worked very very hard I believe our party was more unified we had better organization but I am very surprised with the magnitude of the electoral vote that I thought would be very close with so many states according to the polls relatively close my general impression is that the momentum away from a narrow electoral victory for Reagan began at the time of the debate that momentum began to build economic figures came out that weren't very encouraging to President Carter I believe the impasse that developed over the weekend in the hostage situation probably unbalanced was adverse to President Carter so a lot of things all

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President Carter so a lot of things all sort of culminated at a long time from President Carter's point of view and Governor Reagan fortunately made no mistakes that I think we're serious and with the party unity and party effort this is what happened you know you're one of the very rare experts at transition having gone through it you're gone through what what do you see as the problems and this this is a rather a big transition this time it may be that he'll carry the Senate within for instance it'll have an opportunity to work with the legislature the least is half on his side at least by party credentials what do you think is going to happen here well you've got a combination of things that are somewhat different from what they were when I left the White House and President Carter took over we have a lame-duck session of the Congress coming up I think on the 10th of November which is just a few days away there is a great deal of unfinished business that the Congress has on its platter they haven't yet passed the budget for the fiscal year that started October 1st and so they not only have the budget problems but other undone legislation will that lame-duck Congress listen to the people's voice as expressed through this conservative victory across the country and and react accordingly Walter of I think they would be very very foolish if this lame-duck Congress which is more liberal and the one that was elected today if they try to ram through some legislation that would be contrary to what is the public sentiment expressed

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what is the public sentiment expressed on November fourth there would be a lot of unhappiness among many many millions of Americans so I my best judgment is that this Congress in the days they are in session before Thanksgiving will probably do the routine things finish the budget and a few other items but then call it quits what about the matter of the hostages now and the entire arrangements we must make the terror on clearly almost any deal that the president makes with Iran is going to have a long-range effect on our Middle Eastern policy and the critical area of the Persian Gulf can the incoming president have an input to that policy or do you see that is outside the possibility as I flew from California today and I left California about two o'clock and got to New York just half three quarters of an hour ago I thought about the question that you've asked I haven't called President Carter I tried to call Governor Reagan and he was on his way to think the Century Plaza so what I say is totally on my own it seems to me that the hostage problem is now out of the political arena period it is a question that ought to be approached from a unity point of view I would suggest that President Carter bring in governor Reagan his advisor I believe President Carter ought to bring in the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate the house and try to have

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of the Senate the house and try to have a united front and a determination on behalf of all of us regardless of political faith to try and negotiate and to recover the hostages whether that's practical or not I can't tell you but it seems to me what we need right now is unity so that the Ayatollah and the Iranian government whatever it may be understands that they can't undercut one element in the United States to achieve something on their behalf would you be willing to offer your services as a as a transition member of that for that purpose if I was asked Walter of course but I think it would have to be a broad front I just wouldn't want to be one out of many if we had a total unity approach which would include governor Reagan the Democratic Republican leaders working in conjunction with President Carter of course I would be willing to participate what about a permanent role in the Reagan administration Walter I'd think I told you last summer I didn't want a job I don't have any ambitions for a job on the other hand I'll be anxious to help if governor Reagan wants me to in any way on a temporary or short-term basis and he and I've developed a very good relationship and I expect on maybe one or more occasions you might ask for some advice are you absolutely rejecting a permanent I say cabinet job absolutely yeah you have any idea who we might pick for defense and Secretary of State I have not talked to him about any names I've

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not talked to him about any names I've been so preoccupied in this campaign that I really haven't had an opportunity to talk with him about personalities I have some ideas but I don't think I ought to mention them until I've had a chance to talk to him personally would you urge Henry Kissinger to be back in the cabinet well Henry is one of my favorites as you well know and I think any president would be well advised to take advantage of Henri's experience his talent his dedication but I don't want a prejudice Henry or in any way interfere so I think I better just not get into personality mr. president you said you hadn't had a chance to talk to governor Reagan yet he's a now and you see coming into the Century Plaza ballroom and we're going to hear from him in a moment I tell you what if you'd stick around we'll see if we can possibly establish communication and maybe you can have a word with him when he finishes up there fine I tried to call him but he was on his way to where he is I don't I know he's going to have a great deal to say to you I don't think we've ever seen a former president of United States go out on the campaign trail quite quickly with the vitality and the all-out commitment that we watched you perform for I got a little vigorous out there Betty gave me a little advice that I ought to calm down a little bit [Laughter] she said it may look good in Detroit but it doesn't look so good on television you're speaking of some of your stronger statements I watched one of them and I had to agree with it but it sure helped the crowd take a little bit busier which

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the crowd take a little bit busier which which one would you would you look back on with some look at birth I

think it was an import Peoria when I said Jimmy Carter had blown it and I said it was some bigger I think he has it didn't look as good on television as it found it up well no matter how it sounded it turned out to be prophetic yeah I think I should have learned the lesson that Teddy Kennedy finally learned was [Applause] convention hall speeches don't always look as good from television as they may sound in a big auditorium by the way let me ask you one other question while we're watching governor Reagan and Nancy Reagan and the family are waving to the crowd out there obvious joy a little smashing victory tonight John Anderson kind of hinted tonight that the possibility of a another run for it we're just a hint but and he said any Maddox statement that they had taken the wrong way when they cheered for him do you think he would have any role in the Republican Party that came back to the polls if I were in the House of Representatives and wanted to continue to build the party on a broader basis I would find a place for John [Applause] I would hope that the party Scrivener I think Governor Reagan's about the speech [Applause] you know here we are this is

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No we're all here but one now and he was here but they just took him offstage his past is way past his bedtime but let me let me just say first let me just say first of all this has been well there's never been a more humbling moment in my life I would have been [Applause] not only humbled by the extent of what has happened tonight even if it had been the cliffhanger that all of us I think were expecting it would have been the same way but just to have had the support of the people to this country I consider the trust that you have placed in me sacred and I give you my sacred oath that I will do my utmost to justify your faith earlier earlier this evening I spoke in the phone with President Carter he called John Addison called but the president pledged the utmost in cooperation in the transition that will take place in these coming months I offered him my own cooperation he graciously said that he wanted this to be the one of the show what the map of the United States looks like as of 8 o'clock tonight hey

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all right when then when that began to slide I thought that maybe the world was going out just as I was getting in but anyway as I say the president was most gracious about this and now all across America there are some people that I have go Oh a great debt of thanks to there they are there meeting tonight in our national headquarters in Arlington Virginia the National Committee people the dedicated professionals who've made the campaign run and in every state in the counties the cities and the precincts - all of them who worked so tirelessly literally hundreds of thousands of volunteers and I've seen them at work throughout the country on this campaign I just owe them an immeasurable debt of thanks to George and Barbara Bush our running mates down in Texas no one has worked harder than they have we only cross paths a few times on this campaign and had to go out of our way to do it because their schedule was so heavy and I can tell you that we're going to have a true partnership and a true friendship in the White House and now as I said before my family I'm so grateful to them for the love for their support and for the hard work

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their support and for the hard work because some of them are out on a campaign trail easily as much as Nancy and I were the speaking of Nancy she's going to have a new title in a couple of months and it isn't really new because she's been the first lady in my life for a long time now we'll share that a little bit from the future you know Abe Lincoln the day after his election to the presidency gathered in his office the news men who had been covering his campaign and he said to them well boys your troubles are over now mine have just begun I think he know I know what he meant Lincoln may have been concerned in the troubled times in which he became president but I don't think he was afraid he was ready to confront the problems the troubles of a still youthful country determined to seize the historic opportunity to change things and I am not frightened by what lies ahead and I don't believe the American people are frightened by what lies [Applause] together together we're going to do what has to be done we're going to put America back to work again you know there I am to try and tap that

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you know there I am to try and tap that great American spirit that opened up this completely undeveloped continent from coast to coast and made it a great nation survived several wars survived a Great Depression and will survive the problems that we face right now when I when I accepted your nomination for president I hesitatingly but I asked for your prayers at that moment I won't ask them for this in particular moment but I will just say I would be very happy to have them in the days of cut ahead [Music] all I can say to all of you is thank you and thank you for more than just George Bush and myself thank you because if the trend continues we may very well control one house of the Congress for the first time in a we have we have already we have picked up some governorships and Bill Brock told me on the phone just a few minutes ago that it looks like in a number of states we have turned the state legislatures around and for the first time they are majority

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you did it I have one message that I have to give before I leave I've been upstairs on the phone trying to get a hold of two celebrations two parties that are going on one in Tampico Illinois where I was born and one in Dixon Illinois where I grew up I've got two hometowns and finally we managed to get the radio station in that area and they told us that they were brought would broadcast my message into the two parties that are going on so do all of them thank you - back there in the hometown [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] and even as Ronald Reagan was speaking there he picked up another big state in the Middle West Illinois the state that had thought that most of the thought would be a toss-up state a close one he had wanted with a very narrow margin but according to our CBS News estimate it does go into the Ronald Reagan column taking a total of 34 states he has one so far too poor for President Carter who plus the District of Columbia

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[Music] [Applause] President Ford has been watching governor Reagan statement to his group here tonight with us and we're sort of hoping that we might be able to establish two-way to communication President Ford with with the next president of States Ronald Reagan we don't know they're gonna accomplish that or not there's an awful crowd around him as you see and he's got a lot of people to talk to a lot of people to thank but we're hope still hopeful that was a quite a joyful Ronald Reagan as you would expect I thought he looked very very well Walter and obviously they were exuberant it's a great victory he's been at it for more than a couple of years and this is a culmination of a tremendous effort that deserves the kind of good cheer that they're going through I think when we see him there tonight we could appreciate that we watch Nancy Reagan there well thank you [Applause] [Music] now we'll see if we can get the governor and the next president on there I was going to say but the president wouldn't when watching watching him there tonight you realize that one of the things when he got the campaigning this year that he put to rest very quickly was a matter of age the cause of his appearance I think we're going to get him up to our microphone here perhaps we'll have a word with you congratulations mr. president-elect [Applause] [Music]

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[Music] and former President Ford in New York and they have some questions which I'll relay to you but first if I may ask one question for myself I wonder if you're as surprised by the the landslide the electoral landslide that you've received today [Music] [Applause] surprise well you're cautious optimism must be running over [Applause] [Music] let me suggest something to you because the audio is much better why don't you take off your headset and see if governor Reagan would put it on or hold it up to his ear and that microphone and we'll hear better and President Ford can speak directly to him all right governor what we're going to do is [Music] did you hear a loafer about alright you don't hear me cuz I'm not saying anything hello take the other microphone governor Reagan baller microphone the Cuban we can barely hear you but let's try President Ford is here and he wanted to congratulate you've been trying to call you and hadn't gotten through on the phone so we're doing it in a rather public fashion here brother boy Ron it's Jerry Ford I've tried to call several times but you were busy or on route to the Century Plaza I do want to congratulate you on behalf of Betty

and myself it's a great great victory a very deserving victory and as I said many times in the campaign you'll be a fine president mr. president you and Betty god bless you both and I hope everybody knows in this country how hard you both worked and how you went across this country back and forth campaigning in my behalf and this victory is certainly yours to share well give Nancy our love and the very best to you and we'll be talking to you after

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you and we'll be talking to you after you've had a couple hours sleep okay Reagan Governor Reagan from Walter Cronkite congratulations - sir we'll look forward to seeing you at the White House and your new role as the 40th president United States thank you very much morning you can tell me of you have you got a role that a job for Gerald Ford former president knighted States here well I think that a I think that a former president always has a role and any president who would ignore and not seek the advice and counsel of a former president would be wasting a great asset and I'm not going to waste a great asset go ahead and pin your down Ron okay right thank you again governor by clicking on it and Thank You mr. president Thank You mr. president okay well I better had told you're one of your competitors I would get over there so if you don't mind and would excuse me I well we're sorry we kept you so long but that's what we kept you from we're glad you kept that's nice to be here and I thank you for getting that message through to Governor Reagan and to Nancy I've been trying and this worked out very well yeah but you I thought for a moment Governor Reagan was gonna say any former presidents a friend of yours a friend of mine thanks very much Walter thanks pleasure thank you for President Ford thank you very much for being with us we'll have more CBS News election night coverage animal [Music] way up into the 400 category at this gonna be one of the major electoral sweeps of recent history certainly in this century and hardly been anything

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this century and hardly been anything quite like this defeat the Jimmy Carter is taking tonight he is one just 35 electoral votes as you see 415 have been won for Ronald Reagan this four states have gone to the Jimmy Carter so far and the District of Columbia for that total of 35 electoral votes it certainly isn't a very much and of the states so we have been looking at I haven't looked over the entire national board yet I was just doing some quick running down of our states here as I said Carter is leading but it's a very narrow margin in Maine Massachusetts and Tennessee and we can't call any of those two races for Carter yet even so that would give him only seven states this one more than Goldwater one Reagan is leading right now in North Carolina and South Carolina in their counted vote movie [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] [Applause] [Music] this portion of election night is sponsored by General Motors people building transportation to serve people by a company called TRW where tomorrow is taking shape and by Citicorp Travelers Cheques travel the world with us now from CBS News election headquarters in New York here again is Walter Cronkite well back here election headquarters we've finally gotten governor Reagan over that 50% hurdle he's been holding on to for most of the evening in the popular vote across the country with 50 with 68 percent of the vote counted now he's gone to 51 percent of the vote and under Jimmy Carter has dropped to 42 percent of the vote from the 43 he was holding a

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of the vote from the 43 he was holding a 6% of the vote going to John Anderson as you see well across the United States though or we show Jimmy Carter's states that he's won in red you see there aren't many there just six of them altogether and for Reagan of the different story they're shown in blue and this country is almost solidly in the Reagan colors tonight in the electoral vote to the there's where the count really shows up Reagan 424 electoral votes and Jimmy Carter 45 electoral votes there's a good question to be asked I think tonight if it's about time that time of the evening when we begin to look into this sort of thing week maybe K don't have answers yet that that'll have to be examined even more closely but we've got some horseback opinions I'm sure as to why the polls over the weekend showed two and three percentage votes spread maybe a little more than that some of the more drastic ones but nobody predicting an electoral sweep

anything like this close electoral vote it looked like I wonder if any of our astute correspondents here have a a quick answer to that one I toss it up for grabs I think there were two things about the polls Walter in the first place they were showing Reagan gaining and in the second place if if his percentage holds at 52% and doesn't go to what is commonly called a landslide at 60% you don't need to have a huge popular vote he signaled his road is wide but not necessarily very deep he hasn't taken a lot of states by huge margins at least not so far wide suppose water that all of those people had been undecided for so long in the big States all went for a while a wagon tonight it's kind of difficult across the south to analyze what went wrong in so many different groups because of Jimmy Carter did poorly in all groups except for blacks and Hispanics he had a worse time of it this year with all groups young-old of various

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with all groups young-old of various incomes in town out of town than he did in 1976 he just got won't mostly go by there yeah Walter you have to believe that it was what someone in the White House said that it was in fact the hostages at the last minute but here there was this break but he didn't seem to be able to do anything about it at all he looked impotent once again in the foreign affairs area you know this whole thing broke late there's no question about that I don't think and what was the factor it just stared us right in the face it was Jimmy Carter flying back to Washington and then having to go out again to campaign just totally unable to do anything with this issue reminding us that it's been there for a year and that he was totally incapable of moving us at I just do feel that in the end the switch of votes because of that one is that's obviously a terribly subjective thing on the part of the population however I think everybody would have to admit there's really nothing that the president could have done about it in those last 72 hours - to further the situation I mean he couldn't he couldn't accede to all of the requests and gets them back it may take weeks and months to do that Henry Kissinger is suggesting tonight just for instance that he thinks that Reagan being in the White House will help get them back and he bets they'll get back shortly after the inaugural well that's still some time that means that Henry Kissinger must be thinking in terms of long negotiations in order to put this package together the wonder when you say you know why did Jimmy Carter win first of all I don't know that it's been said here tonight that we should acknowledge that Ronald Reagan ran a smart classy high road campaign did not not only did he fail to make a mistake but he made a lot of the smart moves now as we put along during the night making some notes Jimmy Carter had no base or political message to offer the voters Jimmy Carter standing and the trial heats consistently ran

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and the trial heats consistently ran ahead of his job rating and eventually the facts and his job rating caught up with him Ronald Reagan used to debate to convince voters that he was not this mad Hollywood bomber from the West that he was presidential whether it was justified or unjustified he convinced people that in debates unemployment was the key issue all through this campaign especially in the Midwest for Jimmy Carter won only one state Walter Mondale's home state in Minnesota and then in the end it was rejection of the party and the liberal Auto boxy that had been in the a man through the sixties and the seventies people simply wanted to change well well lemon lusts less fearful

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